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1.(C) On April 7 we delivered reftel points to Narve Solheim, Adviser in the MFA's UN Section. Solheim expressed Norway's regrets that the U.S. would not presently seek a seat on the UN Human Rights Council, and urged that the U.S. consider running in the future. Solheim took the opportunity to advocate for U.S. support in Finland's candidacy as a Council member, which has not yet been made public. According to Solheim, Finland's candidacy will likely be announced (and supported) through a demarche issued jointly by all Nordic countries.
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